

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, lines 6 through 9, please replace the existing paragraph as follows:

-- This application is related to U.S. Patent Serial No. 09/452,286, entitled "Providing Quality of Service Guarantees to Virtual Hosts", by Pawan Goyal et al., filed November ~~14~~ 30, 1999, and commonly assigned with the present application. The subject matter of related application U.S. Patent Serial No. 09/452,286 is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--